(c) All major countries, including the USA and Russia, criticised these tests and stated that they would aggravate the situation in the region rather than defuse tensions. Government stated that "India is not particularly impressed by these missile antics, clearly targeted at the domestic audience in Pakistan".

Removal of restriction imposed on entry of Pakistani aircrafts

†945. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to remove restriction imposed on entry of Pakistani aircrafts into the Indian air space by amending its foreign policy with regard to Pakistan:

(b) if so, whether the decision to remove the restriction has been taken due to America's pressure:

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons for removing the said restriction together with Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) Pakistan President General Musharraf had committed on May 27 and June 6 to end cross-border infiltration and on a permanent basis. On June 10, in recognition of this commitment, Government of India had announced the removal of restrictions on over-flights by Pakistani aircraft that had been in place since January 2002, following the attack on our Parliament.

Meeting between India and European Union

946. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official level meeting as held in New Delhi between India and European Union on May 1, 2002 to review the relations; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far to improve relations with the European Union?

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